

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CHULA VISTA SAFETY COMMISSION**

February 3, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
City Hall - Building 100
276 Fourth Avenue

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Roll Call:

Present: Chair Liken; Commissioners Caudillo, Cochrane, Fuentes, Gove, and Moriarty

Absent: Commissioner Navarro

Staff present: Frank Rivera, Principal Civil Engineer; Muna Cuthbert, Senior Civil Engineer; Police Officer Shon Thurman; and Florence Picardal, Recording Secretary

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Opening Statement

Opening statement read by Chair Liken.

4. Approval of Minutes: August 5, 2009; October 7, 2009; and December 2, 2009

MSC (Liken/Moriarty) to approve the minutes of August 5, 2009 as submitted. (4-0-2-1, Fuentes/Gove abstain, Navarro absent)

There was no quorum to approve the minutes of October 7, 2009.

MSC (Liken/Cochrane) to approve the minutes of December 2, 2009 as submitted (5-0-1-1, Moriarty abstain, Navarro absent)

5. Oral Communications

- a. Diane Van Liefde, Chula Vista resident and spokesperson for her neighborhood, requested assistance with speeding problems in the vicinity of Silverado Drive.

Chair Liken referred the request to staff with a report to the Commission if needed.

MEETING AGENDA

6. Report - Establishing and Setting Posted Speed Limits

The purpose of the report was to update the Commissioners on the changes in the current California Manual on Traffic Control Devised (MUTCD) policy and procedure for setting speed limits. The report highlighted the required change of methods in establishing speed limits. Due to the changes, it is expected that the speed limits on several streets throughout the City will most likely increase. Senior Civil Engineer Cuthbert gave a brief presentation.

Staff Recommendation: Safety Commission accept staff's report.

Commission Discussion: Commissioner Fuentes questioned staff in detail on how speed surveys are conducted and the use of accident rates (city vs. state). Chair Liken interrupted stating that the discussion was more policy than facts on the report and invited Commissioner Fuentes to meet with staff to discuss these particular policies at a later time. Commissioner Fuentes responded he was not saying anything inappropriate; his comments were fair and reasonable; and he has knowledge in the area. He stated that perhaps the City Attorney should be asked to opine on what the Commission can or cannot comment on.

Chair Liken responded that Commissioner Fuentes could seek the City Attorney's opinion, but asked that this discussion be tabled at this time.

MSC (Moriarty/Cochrane) to accept staff's report. (5-0-1-1, Navarro absent/Fuentes abstain)

7. Traffic Accident Summary for October, November, and December 2009

Officer Thurman stated since the last meeting, there was one fatality on Third Avenue. He discussed geographical policing, new procedures brought on by the new Police Chief, and traffic citations (quality vs. quantity).

OTHER BUSINESS

10. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Fuentes requested written guidelines for Commissioners from either staff or the Commission Secretary. Chair Liken stated he would provide them this evening.

Commissioner Cochrane had a list of code enforcement requests:

- Toscana apartments
- Bus stop at East H/Paseo Ranchero (sign)
- Corpuz Cristi Church (sawhorse in street everyday)
- Tierra Del Rey bike stop sign
- Rutgers/East H St. sign
- Otay Lakes sidewalk
- South Point Dr/Forester Lane

Commissioner Moriarty requested that the high grass at the Target parking lot at Eastlake Parkway be trimmed (visibility problem).

Chair Liken stated that Commissioner Navarro had a work conflict and could not attend tonight's meeting.

MSC (Liken/Cochrane) to excuse the absence of Commissioner Navarro (6-0-1, Navarro absent)

In accordance with the cost savings measure taken at the June 11, 2009 Safety Commission meeting, Chair Liken cancelled the March 3, 2010 meeting.

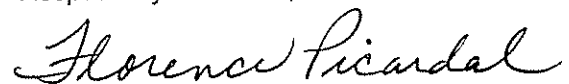
11. Staff Comments

Principal Civil Engineer Rivera stated \$1 million in grants have been awarded to the City and staff is actively pursuing more grants. He added that the Pedestrian Master Plan is being finalized and will be presented to the Safety Commission in April. He gave a brief update on the Bikeway Master Plan.

Officer Thurman gave an update on the DUI and "Click it or ticket" grants.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:41 P.M. to the next scheduled meeting of April 7, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



Florence Picardal, Recording Secretary